

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 67, 69 and 71 to 75, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 66, 68 and 70 as shown below.

66. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a plurality of services over a network, ~~wherein each of the services includes of a plurality of items~~, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting, by a user terminal, a request to a service center for printing an image stored on the network ~~receiving image information via the network from a service center, and transmitting a service request via the network to the service center, with the service request referring to the image information; and~~

storing, by the service center, items and their prices in a first table
~~forwarding the service request to a service provider;~~

storing, by wherein the service center, stores items and their prices in a first table, stores a plurality of service providers, and at least the one item or more items included in each type of printing service provided by each one of the plurality of the service providers, in a second table; ~~and calculates~~

calculating, by the service center, a the charge related to the request by referring to service requested on the basis of information stored in the first and second tables;

sending a notification from the service center to the user terminal, the notification including the charge calculated in the calculating step;

forwarding the request from the service center to an appropriate service provider via the network automatically upon receipt by the service center of an instruction from the user terminal based on the calculated charge; and
performing, by the appropriate service provider, printing of the image according to the request received from the service center.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) A system of providing a plurality of services over a network, ~~wherein each of the services includes one or more items~~, said system comprising:

~~a user terminal for receiving image information via the network from a service center and transmitting a service request via the network to the a service center for printing an image stored on the network, with the service request referring to said image information;~~

a plurality of service providers; and

wherein the service center for forwarding the service request received from the user terminal to a service provider;

~~wherein the service center stores items and their prices in a first table, stores the plurality of the service providers provider for providing a service and a template for showing the and at least one or more items item included in each type of printing the service provided by each one of the plurality of the service providers, provider in a second table, calculates a charge related to the request acquires the prices stored in the first table by referring to the first and template stored in the second tables in accordance with the~~

service request from the user terminal, and calculates the charge of the service on the basis of the acquired prices, sends a notification from the service center to the user terminal, the notification including the calculated charge and forwarding the request from the service center to an appropriate service provider via the network automatically upon receipt by the service center of an instruction from the user terminal based on the calculated charge,
wherein the appropriate service provider performs printing of the image according to the request received from the service center.

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Currently Amended) A service center apparatus for managing a plurality of services provided over a network, ~~wherein each of the services consists of a plurality of items~~; said apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a request for printing an image stored on the network, from a user terminal via the network;

~~transmission means for transmitting image information to a user terminal via the network;~~

~~forwarding means for forwarding a service request received from the user terminal to a service provider;~~

first storage means for storing items and their prices;

second storage means for storing a plurality of the service providers and at least for the one item or more items included in each type of printing the service provided by each one of the plurality of the service providers provider; and

calculation ~~calculating~~ means for calculating a the charge related to the request by referring to ~~of the service related to the service requested on the basis of the first~~ and second storage means;

notification means for sending a notification to the user terminal, the notification including the charge calculated by the calculation means; and

transmission means for transmitting the request to an appropriate service provider via the network automatically upon receipt of an instruction from the user terminal based on the calculated charge.

71. to 75. (Cancelled)